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First-rate looks, third-rate ability. presenting the pessimistic calligrapher: Fuugetsu Asanaga.

★Passionate talent agency manager Oda-san, who fell in love at first sight with Asanaga-san♥ enthusiastically urged him "How about you make your debut♥ in the entertainment world?"

For the first time in his life, Asanaga-san's heart throbbed with joy at being needed by someone♥ only "...Is it only my outward appearance that is important to him?"

Talent manager x Beautiful calligrapher
Entertaining world romantic comedy, with extras♥

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PROFILE

This time, the protagonist is a pessimist. He's pessimistic to the extent that even I am sometimes turned off

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I'M SHINJIROU ASANAGA
ASANAGA-SAN
GLAD YOU CAME!
Exhibit Calligraphy
AKA FUUGETSU ASANAGA
CALLI-GRAPHER
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
PLEASE STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE
CER-TAINLY
OF COURSE
FINE CALLIGRAPHY IS SIMPLY WONDERFUL

Out loud ever...
SHIN-JIROU
THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR REPUTATION AS USUAL
SHUT UP MICCHAN
whisper
whisper
WHO WAS THAT GORGEOUS GUY JUST NOW?
A CALLIGRAPHER SORT OF
HIS ACTUAL ABILITY IS NOTHING SPECIAL BUT HIS LOOKS!
HE'S SO ATTRACTIVE
WHAAAT? YOU INVITED HIM BECAUSE OF THAT?!
THAT'S TERRIBLE!
I'M SO BAD!
THIS IS MY LIFE
WHEREVER I GO, EACH DAY I'M FORCED TO CLEARLY REALIZE MY LACK OF TALENT

WELL IT'D BE A NIGHTMARE IF YOU HAD TO COME ALONE
..AND WE'RE FORCED TO ENDURE THEIR CRITICISM THEN DROWNED YOURSELF
YES
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING WITH ME TODAY
WILL YOU BE LEAVING NOW?
I would do no such thing..
I WOU..
IT'S THAT KIND OF NEGATIVITY THAT ALLOWS YOU TO BE SCORNED BY A BRAT!
YOU IDIOT!
You're just...
...SOOOO ANNOYING!
GLOOMY
Hmm... well, naturally a senior high school student told me earlier to "Die, scum!" and now I feel absolutely worthless.
Don't be so gloomy.
Look, Shun!
PASS
I AM
A FAILURE A PATHETIC FOOL WHO CONSTANTLY CAUSES HIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND TO WORRY ABOUT HIM

EXCUSE ME! DO... DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT PERSON WAS JUST NOW?!
THE VISITORS BOOK! LET ME SEE THE VISITORS BOOK!
SNATCH
WHAT?!
HEY, THAT'S PRIVATE INFORMATION!

SO

I CONTINUALLY SUFFER FROM AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX

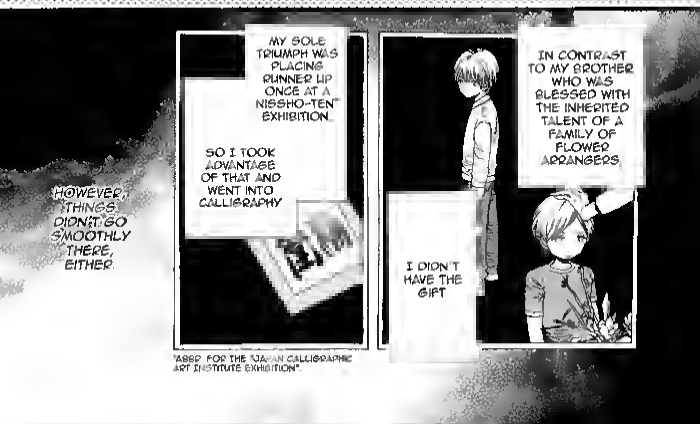
WELL, I'M STUNNED.
I THOUGHT I WAS CALLING ON A CALLIGRAPHER, BUT IT'S THE HOME OF A FLOWER ARRANGER!
Ehehehe
I THOUGHT I WAS MISTAKEN.
UM... AND YOU ARE?
OH, I BEG YOUR PARDON
Due to being too excited I simply...
MY NAME IS ISSEI ODA AND I'M A MANAGER AT A TALENT AGENCY
I'M HERE AS A TALENT SCOUT TO RECRUIT YOU
...AS A STAR CALLIGRAPHER.

WHAT?!
I'M NOT KIDDING!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOU!
Pant
Is this some new type of scam?
Of course not!
Huff
Y-YOU'RE J-JOKING, RIGHT?!

BUT FOR SOME-ONE LIKE ME--
SHINJIROU.
THAT MAY BE SO, BUT...
AS THE OPPORTUNI-TIES FOR EXPOSURE INCREASE, YOU'LL GET MORE PUB-LICITY
HUH? YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO TALK IT OVER?!
Some kind of weird...

BROTHER
I'M FROM A TALENT AGENCY AND HAVE COME TO SCOUT YOUR LITTLE BROTHER TO MAKE HIM A STAR.
A STAR?
HMPH RIDICU-LOUS
WHO'S THAT GUY?
HE'S OBSESSED WITH CALLIGRAPHY BUT HASN'T WRITTEN EVEN ONE MANU SCRIPT.
HE'S TERRIBLE AT IT

THE MAIN CAUSE OF MY INFERIORITY COMPLEX IS THIS BROTHER OF MINE.


MY SOLE TRIUMPH WAS PLACING RUNNER UP ONCE AT A NISSHO-TEN" EXHIBITION.
SO I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT AND WENT INTO CALLIGRAPHY
HOWEVER, THINGS DIDN'T GO SMOOTHLY THERE, EITHER.
IN CONTRAST TO MY BROTHER WHO WAS BLESSED WITH THE INHERITED TALENT OF A FAMILY OF FLOWER ARRANGERS
I DIDN'T HAVE THE GIFT

"ABBR. FOR THE "JAPAN CALLIGRAPHIC ART INSTITUTE EXHIBITION".

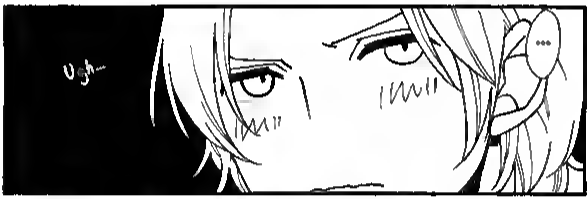
...ASAN-AGA-SAN
I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE AFTER ALL.
I HAVE NO TALENT.
MY WORK HAS NOT BEEN SELLING, AND IS RIDICULED BY THOSE IN THE SAME BUSINESS
close
IT'S A FAR CRY FROM MY BROTHER WHOSE FLOWER ARRANGING IS GOING WELL
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO SUCCEED AND WOW YOUR BROTHER?
AREN'T YOU ANNOYED AT BEING SPOKEN ABOUT LIKE THAT?

HUH?
I THINK...
I CAN PROBABLY HELP YOU OVERCOME YOUR BROTHER'S PERCEPTION OF YOU.
OVERCOME...
...MY BROTHER?
I AWAIT...
...YOUR CALL.

I HADN'T EVEN CONSIDERED THAT KIND OF THING...
TALENT ADMINISTRATION
I knew you would come!
Asanaga-san!
ONCE I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID...
WELL...
You think so, too, presi-dent?!
see!
scarrow
SCRUTINIZE
WHOA DEFINITELY IMPRES-SIVE...
HAHA
Heh heh.
FANTASTIC I HAVE A FEELING THAT ONCE ODA SAW YOU...
HE WAS ALREADY MADLY IN LOVE WITH YOU...

Ahem
S-SUT I'M...
...NOT VERY GOOD AT SPEAKING IN PUBLIC, SO I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN MEET YOUR EXPECTA-TIONS...
WELL...
AT FIRST, YOU ONLY HAVE TO SAY "UH-HUH" AND NOD YOUR HEAD
YOU'LL START TO GET USED TO IT LITTLE BY LITTLE!
Oh!
How about you wear something that looks the part, like a kimono?
I think it would definitely suit you!
That's all there is to it.
SURELY THAT'S NOT ALL THERE IS TO IT?
LIKE I THOUGHT HE'S A WEIRDO...
LIH RIGHT...
YEAH!
LET'S GO, ASANAGA-SAN!
GOOD IDEA. WE HAVE SEVERAL OVER IN WARDROBE SO PICK OUT THE BEST ONE

HMM
AS YOUR MANAGER I'D LIKE TO EVALUATE YOUR MUSCULATURE
UM
Can I watch?
MOTIONLESS
Really?
I CAN GET DRESSED BY MYSELF, SO—
WHAT?! No WAY!


Ugh...
...

PAT
BEAR WITH ME FOR A MOMENT
RUSTLE
I GUESS I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE

WHAT
YEAH...
GLIDE
BA-DUMP
YOU'RE MODERATELY MUSCLED TOO
GLIDE
Thrbbn
STROKE
BEST OF ALL YOU HAVE LONG LIMBS
UTTERLY EXQUISITE

WHY AM I NERVOUS?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
Heh.
YOU REALLY DO HAVE TALENT
BA-DUMP
WHAT?

OKAY.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME

..ANYONE HAD SAID SUCH A THING TO ME

IT'S A SLIGHTLY POOR CHOICE OF WORDS.
BUT I'LL SOON BE APPEARING ON TV AS A CALLIGRA-PHER
YOU? THE INTROVERT? REALLY?!
THAT'S HARSH, MICCHAN...
HUH?!
YOU'RE GONNA BE AN ENTERTAINER?!
WELL, THIS IS FIRST TIME SOMEONE HAS SAID I HAVE TALENT HE HAS GREAT HOPES FOR ME
SO I'D LIKE TO DO MY BEST FOR HIM
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD YOU SPEAK LIKE THIS
THAT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT?
I'M ROOTING FOR YOU

ACTUALLY
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT SO POSITIVE
PEST!
Mie-chan, I love you!
Mmm haaaa!!
Mmm haaaa!!
At any rate, I want to meet him and... see what he's like
Like this
THAT TELLS ME NOTHING!
What's he like?
Good morning this is Oda
YES?
Asanaga-san it's totally unforgivable but.
something else has come up so would you mind going to the studio on your own and making your way to the waiting room?
I'll be there later for sure!
OKAY

IT REALLY IS NOBUUUU!!
WHAT?
WHAT?! IS NOBU ALSO RECORDING TODAY?!
I FEEL NER-VOUS...
...ON MY OWN..
EEE!
THAT "SOME-THING ELSE" IS WHAT?
KYAAAAAH!

WAH
WHAT AN AWESOME PRESENCE
I... I don't know much about entertainers...
Is it all right for me to be amongst people with such an aura?
Oh,
I guess this is the waiting room.
Say today it's a calligrapher right?
POUR

WORD IS, NOBU WILL APPEAR IF THE CALLIGRAPHER DOES
SOME SORT OF TIE-IN APPEARANCE RIGHT?
SNEAK
ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ME?
IS NOBU
THAT CELEBRITY FROM BEFORE?
DOES HE WANT TO PROMOTE THE CALLIGRAPHER THAT MUCH?
WELL...
MAYBE IT'S NOT NECESSARILY TO PROMOTE THE CALLIGRAPHER BUT TO GET NOBU TO APPEAR
PA-DUMP
OH! THAT'S WHY NOBU WAS HERE!
HE HASN'T BEEN AROUND RECENTLY SO I WONDERED WHAT WAS GOING ON.
NOBU QUIT THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD RIGHT?
SO WHAT IS ODA-CHAN UP TO PURPOSELY DRAGGING HIM BACK?

HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT HAVING NOBU APPEAR IS MUCH BETTER THAN SOME UNKNOWN CALLIGRAPHER RIGHT?
CLENCH
IF YOU PUT IT THAT WAY
YOU'RE RIGHT
ACTUALLY, IT'S OBVIOUS.
THAT GUY HAS TO BE BETTER THAN SOMEONE LIKE ME.
OR MAYBE
IS HE ODA-SAN'S "SOMETHING ELSE"?
PANG

It's Oda
YES?
I'm sorry to keep you waiting. I'm on my way there now
YOU DON'T NEED TO COME
BRRRR
RUN
ODA-SAN,
SHOULDN'T YOU BE FOCUSING ON MORE IMPORTANT WORK THAN ME?!
WHAT
AM I SAYING?
What?

This is simply jealousy. . .

WHAT IS THIS "MORE IMPORTANT WORK" I'M SUPPOSED TO HAVE?
...WHAT?
IF YOU'RE ANNOYED ABOUT ME BEING LATE, THEN I'M SORRY,
BUT IT WAS FOR YOUR BENEFIT, TOO
UM...
PARDON ME, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE.
OH...
PERH...PS YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME

WHAAAAAAAAT?!
TH... THIS CANNOT BE POSSIBLE
I've made it through some how.
Up until a little while ago, there was an extreme lack of talent, so I stepped in to plug the gaps.
SLIP
BUT THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
IT'S MY LIFE'S WORK TO BRING STARS TO STARDOM.

IT'S ME, ODA.

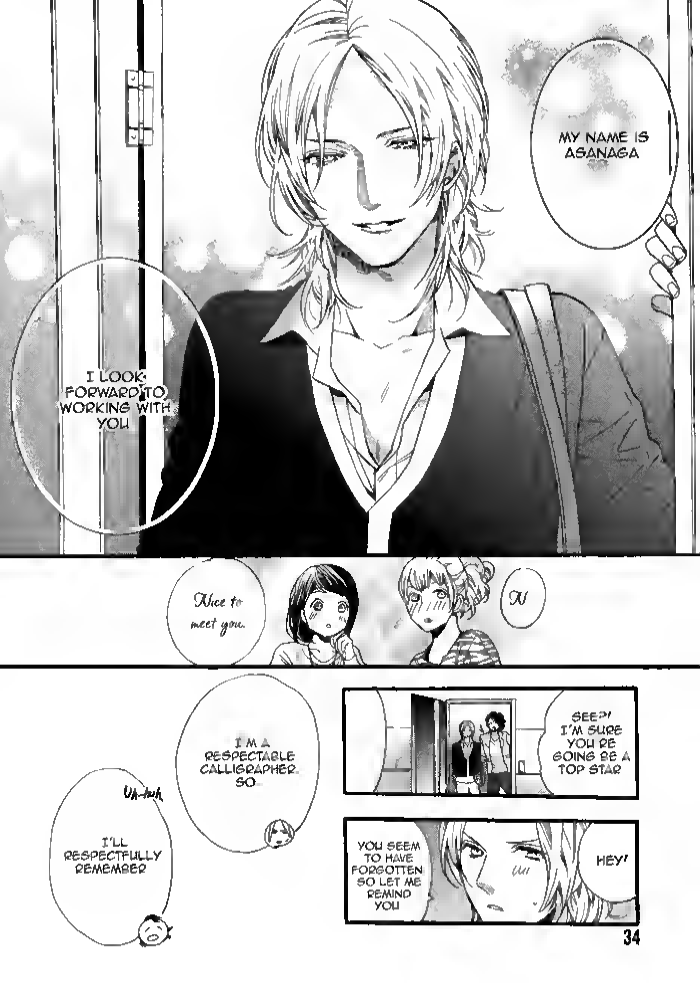
AND
YOU'RE

THE ONE AND ONLY STAR I'VE DISCOVERED

SO SHALL WE DO OUR BEST TODAY ON OUR FIRST JOB?
IF I STAY WITH HIM, SOMETHING MIGHT CHANGE
ALL...
RIGHT

OKAY!
IF THAT'S SETTLED THEN LET'S QUICKLY PREPARE IN THE WAITING ROOM.
THAT'S WHAT I THINK
NO NEED TO BE NERVOUS
EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE AND THAT'S A GUARANTEE
Heh.

STAND UP STRAIGHT
HOLD YOUR HEAD UP
Pat
PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE
STAND UP STRAIGHT
HOLD MY HEAD UP
PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE


MY NAME IS ASANAGA
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU
Nice to meet you.
N
SEE?! I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING BE A TOP STAR
HEY!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN SO LET ME REMIND YOU
I'M A RESPECTABLE CALLIGRAPHER SO...
Uh-huh
I'LL RESPECTFULLY REMEMBER